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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2590

Introduced by Assembly Member Campbell
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Ashburn, Baldwin, Briggs,
Correa, Dickerson, Dutra, Havice, Maddox, and Nakano)

February 25, 2000

An act to add Sections 44225.8 and 45023.5 to the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2590, as amended, Campbell. Education: United States armed forces ~~or enlisted personnel~~ *retired officers and retired noncommissioned officers*: bonus.

Under existing law, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing is required to establish standards and procedures for the issuance and renewal of credentials. Under existing law, the commission is prohibited from issuing any credential, permit, certificate, or renewal of an emergency credential to any person to serve in the public schools unless the person has demonstrated proficiency in basis skills in certain areas as demonstrated by a passing score on the state basic skills proficiency test.

This bill would, notwithstanding those provisions, authorize the commission to approve a school district request for the assignment of an individual pursuant to specified provisions if that individual is ~~an honorably discharged officer of the United States armed forces or is an enlisted person who~~

~~retired with a rank of E-6 or higher, a retired officer or retired noncommissioned officer of the armed forces of the United States who participates in certain programs offered by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and who agrees to teach for 4 years in a school district, and commits to taking 8 classes towards obtaining a teaching credential within 3 years of commencing teaching. The bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law, provide that an individual approved for a teaching assignment pursuant to those provisions may have until 18 months from the date of commencing the teaching assignment to obtain a passing score on the state basic skills competency test.~~

The bill would, subject to an appropriation for this purpose, require that an individual who is approved for a teaching assignment in accordance with those provisions be eligible for ~~a one-time bonus payment of \$5,000, and the school to which the individual is assigned be eligible for a one-time bonus payment of \$5,000.~~ *a bonus payment of \$1,000 per year, for up to five years, and the school to which the individual who is assigned would be required to receive a matching bonus of \$1,000 per year, for each year that the individual continues to teach at that school, for up to five years. The bill would allow an individual who teaches at a low-performing school, as defined, to receive a bonus payment of \$2,000 per year, for that period of time.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) *This act shall be known, and may be*
 2 *cited as, the California State Troops to Teachers Act.*
 3 (b) *The Legislature finds and declares as follows:*
 4 (1) *The federal government has a program called*
 5 *“Troops to Teachers” that encourages military and*
 6 *defense workers to enter the teaching profession.*
 7 (2) *The “Troops to Teachers” program has proven to*
 8 *be highly successful and has demonstrated that military*
 9 *personnel are well-suited to enter the teaching*
 10 *profession.*

1 (3) *The federal government is no longer funding the*
2 *“Troops to Teachers” program due to the shortage of*
3 *military persons worldwide.*

4 (4) *There is an urgent need for qualified teachers in*
5 *California.*

6 (5) *California is home to the largest military retiree*
7 *and veterans population in the United States.*

8 (c) *We do hereby establish the California State Troops*
9 *to Teachers Act.*

10 SEC. 2. Section 44225.8 is added to the Education
11 Code, to read:

12 44225.8. ~~(a)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of
13 law, the commission may approve a school district
14 request for the assignment of an individual pursuant to
15 subdivision (m) of Section 44225 or Section 44300 for
16 individuals who meet all of the following criteria:

17 ~~(1) The individual is an honorably discharged officer~~
18 ~~of the United States armed forces, or is an enlisted person~~
19 ~~who retired with a rank of E-6 or higher.~~

20 (a) *The individual is a retired officer or retired*
21 *noncommissioned officer of the armed forces of the*
22 *United States.*

23 ~~(2)~~
24 (b) *The individual agrees to teach for four five years*
25 *in a school district, and commits to taking eight classes*
26 *towards obtaining a teaching credential within three*
27 *years of commencing teaching.*

28 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an~~
29 ~~individual approved for a teaching assignment pursuant~~
30 ~~to this section may have until 18 months from the date of~~
31 ~~commencing the teaching assignment to obtain a passing~~
32 ~~score on the state basic skills competency test as required~~
33 ~~by Section 44252.~~

34 SEC. 2. ~~school district, and participates in a~~
35 ~~paraprofessional, preinternship, or internship program~~
36 ~~administered by the California Commission on Teacher~~
37 ~~Credentialing.~~

38 SEC. 3. Section 45023.5 is added to the Education
39 Code, to read:

1 45023.5. (a) ~~An~~ Except as provided in subdivision
2 (b), an individual who is approved for a teaching
3 assignment in accordance with Section 44225.8 ~~shall be~~
4 ~~eligible for a one-time bonus payment of five thousand~~
5 ~~dollars (\$5,000), and the school to which the individual is~~
6 ~~assigned shall be eligible for a one-time bonus payment~~
7 ~~of five thousand (\$5,000).~~

8 ~~(b)~~ shall be eligible to receive a bonus payment of one
9 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year, for up to five years,
10 and the school to which the individual is assigned shall be
11 eligible to receive a matching bonus of one thousand
12 dollars (\$1,000) per year, for each year that the individual
13 continues to teach at the school, for up to five years.

14 (b) (1) Each individual who is approved for a
15 teaching assignment in accordance with Section 44225.8
16 and who teaches at a low-performing school shall be
17 eligible to receive a bonus payment of two thousand
18 dollars (\$2,000) per year, for up to five years, and the
19 low-performing school to which the individual is assigned
20 shall be eligible to receive a bonus of one thousand dollars
21 (\$1,000) per year, for each year that the individual
22 continues to teach at the school, for up to five years.

23 (2) For purposes of this section, a low-performing
24 school is a school that performs in the bottom 25th
25 percentile, based on the Academic Performance Index
26 developed pursuant to Section 52052.

27 (c) This section shall be implemented to the extent
28 that funds are appropriated for this purpose.